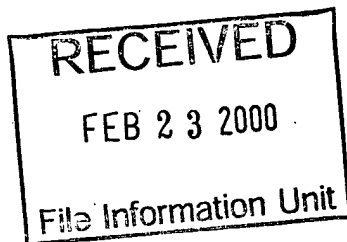


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## [54] KIOSK APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR POINT OF PREVIEW AND FOR COMPILATION OF MARKET DATA

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### [57] ABSTRACT

This invention relates to a system for user-interactive multimedia based point-of-preview. The apparatus has data storage for storage of discrete increments of information intended for subscriber selection and preview. After subscriber selection, a programmable data processor selects from storage and then transmits at least one discrete increment of information to a display means for subscriber review. Subscriber selection and profile data are collected and stored. The invention also provides for transmission of subscriber selection and subscriber profile data to a central database for collection and processing by the central processing unit. This system is used, in a particular embodiment, to preview audio programs on compact disks.

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